5. At present 271 Jan Shikshan Sansthan have been sanctioned in the country, including 33 JSS sanctioned in Minority Concentration District.

6. A new centrally sponsored scheme 'Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrasas' has been launched, incorporating the suggestions of the Expert Committee with an allocation of Rs.325 crores in the XIth plan. The recommendations of the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Chairman. CBSE for proposing National Level Mechanism for grant of equivalence to Madrasa qualification have been accepted and Notification has been issued. A new centrally sponsored scheme of financial assistance for Infrastructure Development of Privately managed elementary/secondary/senior secondary schools set up by minorities has been launched with an allocation of Rs.125.00 crores during XIth Plan.

7. Academies for Professional Development cf Urdu Medium Teachers has been set up at three Central Universities *viz.* AMU, JMI and MANUU. The Academy at JMI has trained 477 teachers. MANUU has trained 1803 teachers. The AMU has conducted three Refreshers Courses for Primary/Secondary school teachers of Aligarh District and has covered 100 teachers.

8. A study is being completed by the National University for Education Planning and Administration (NUEPA) to identify causal factors for low enrolment of Muslim minorities at secondary level of education.

9. In the Budget for 2009-10. an allocation of Rs.25.00 crore each has been proposed for the Murshidabad and Mallapuram campuses of Aligarh Muslim University.

10. Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) in its XI Plan proposal envisages (11) Model Schools, (7) Polytechnic Courses, (3) College of Teacher Education, a College of Pharmacy and Research Centre, a College of Unani Medicine & Research and Hospital and a College of Nursing and Paramedical Sciences. This is subject to availability of funds during the XI Plan.

11. Rs. 46.31 crores has been granted for establishment of "Residential Coaching Academic in Aligarh Muslim University, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Baba Sahib Bhimrao Ambedkar and Jamia Hamdard.

12. The UGC has approved the guidelines for establishment of centres in universities for study cf Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy and also approved/sanctioned the above scheme in 35 universities (*i.e.* 13 Universities during 2006-07 and 22 universities during 2007-08) and released Rs.14.00 crores so far as per guidelines.

Minority status to some central universities

235. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are demands from some quarters to grant minority status to some Central Universities;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) Government's stand in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The demand for grant of minority status to Jamia Millia Islamia, a Central University established under the Jamia Millia Islamia Act, 1988 has been received from certain quarters.

Since the question relating to minority institution status of Aligarh Muslim University is pending before the Hon'bie Supreme Court of India wherein the interpretation of the term 'establishing' a University, as was laid down in the "Azeez Basha" matter is under challenge, the orders of the Hon'bie Supreme Court in that matter will have a bearing on the issue relating to the minority character of Jamia Millia Islamia, which is pending before the Hon'bie National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions.

Enrolment in secondary schools

†236. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ratio of enrolment in secondary schools of country is low;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the schemes being run by Government at present to augment the ratio of enrolment in secondary schools and the reasons for the failure of the same; and

(d) the target set by Government to augment the ratio of enrolment in secondary schools and the names of new schemes proposed to be started by Government to accomplish the targets within the stipulated time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per Selected Educational Statistics 2006-07, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) at all India level for secondary stage (classes IX - X) was 53.20%.

(c) and (d) With a view to universalize access to secondary education and to improve its quality, a centrally sponsored scheme called Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) has been launched in March 2009 by the Central Government. The scheme envisages enhancing the enrollment ratio to 75% for classes IX-X within 5 years by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance of every habitation, improving quality of education imparted at secondary level through making all secondary schools conform to prescribed norms, removal of gender, socio-economic and disability barriers, universal access to secondary level education by 2017, and universal retention by 2020.

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